



## Community Development Allocation and Competitive Set-Aside Programs

### What is the Community Development Program?

The Community Development Program provides communities with flexible funding for housing and community development projects to address the needs of low- and moderate-income individuals and to eliminate slum and blight. The program also includes competitive grants for Neighborhood Revitalization, Downtown Revitalization, and Critical Infrastructure projects (see back).

### Community Development Program Funding

The Office of Community Development allocates 50 percent of Ohio's total Community Development Block Grant to the Community Development Program. Of that amount 60 percent is allocated to the eligible communities based on a formula.

### Community Development Allocation Funding Program Eligibility

Non-entitlement counties and cities with at least 15,000 residents and a low- to moderate-income population of at least 30 percent are eligible for the program.

- Each eligible community receives a minimum grant award of \$75,000.
- A non-entitlement classification indicates that the local government does not qualify to receive CDBG funding directly from HUD.

### Exceptions to Eligibility

HUD entitlement cities and counties and units of local government with more than 50 percent of their population within an urban county are not eligible to receive grant funds through the community development program.

### Project Eligibility

Eligible activities include, but are not limited to:

- Infrastructure improvements
- Community and senior centers
- Fire protection facilities
- Public services
- Planning activities related to eligible CDBG projects that meet the following criteria:
  - Must specifically identify the community's low- and moderate-income needs or slum and blight needs
  - Must produce a tangible product (e.g., report or historical inventory) for the Office of Community Development to review
  - Undertaken only for activities which, upon implementation, meet at least one of the three national objectives
  - Must further Ohio's investment objectives
  - Used to further develop and design future applications to meet local community and economic development needs



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## Community Development Competitive Set-Aside Programs

The Community Development Program also consists of three competitive set-aside programs: Neighborhood Revitalization, Downtown Revitalization, and Critical Infrastructure.

**Neighborhood Revitalization** projects are designed to improve the quality of life, livability and functionality of distressed areas and neighborhoods to carry out a comprehensive revitalization strategy. This includes, but is not limited to, projects designed to stabilize and enhance residential neighborhoods or activities that support Brownfield redevelopment sites adjacent to low- and moderate-income residential neighborhoods, or commercial, non-central business district or industrial sites.



**Downtown Revitalization** projects are designed to improve Central Business Districts, aid in eliminating slum or blight, and create and retain permanent, private-sector job opportunities for low- and moderate-income households.

**Critical Infrastructure** projects are designed to assist communities with high-priority infrastructure improvements. This includes roads, storm drainage, and other public facilities projects. Water and sanitary sewer projects not eligible for the Residential Public Infrastructure Grant (RPIG) may also be considered for Critical Infrastructure program funding.

**Community Development Competitive Set-Aside Funding**  
The Office of Community Development allocates 50 percent of Ohio's total Community Development Block Grant allocation to the Community Development Program. Of that amount 40 percent is allocated to the Neighborhood Revitalization, Downtown Revitalization, and Critical Infrastructure competitive set-aside programs.

### Program Eligibility

- Community Development Allocation Program counties and cities

*The Office of Community Development will consider other housing activities for communities that submit fundable Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program applications that do not score high enough to receive funding.*

## Project Eligibility

### Neighborhood Revitalization:

Eligible activities include:

- Constructing, reconstructing or rehabilitating public facilities in targeted distress areas that do not fit within the criteria of other CDBG competitive programs
- Applicants can only address one target area per application submission
- A low- and moderate-income population of at least 51 percent
- Applications must include three activities

### Downtown Revitalization:

Eligible activities include, but are not limited to:

- Uniform façade and sign improvements
- Interior and exterior building code violation corrections
- Streetscape activities
- Other eligible CDBG infrastructure and rehabilitation activities
- Some administrative costs directly related to the downtown program

### Critical Infrastructure:

Eligible activities include:

- Constructing, reconstructing or rehabilitating infrastructure components
  - Eligible infrastructure include streets and bridges; sidewalks; flood and drainage; water and sanitary sewer.
  - Projects selected for funding must have a high community-wide impact.

## Exceptions to Eligibility

- Communities electing to holdover their entire Community Development allocation may not submit an application for competitive set-aside funds in the same year.
- Downtown Revitalization applicants can only address conditions in the Central Business District.
- Critical Infrastructure funds cannot be used for projects designed primarily for future residential, commercial or industrial development.

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